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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA CASP

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- 1. ONE LIMITATION OF CASP SYSTEM HAS BEEN THAT TIMING, ARBITRARILY TIED TO BUDGET CYCLE AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, SOMETIMES DOES NOT TAKE ACCOUNT OF IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH OCCUR AFTER CASP PREPARED AND/OR REVIEWED.
- 2. IN CASE OF ARGENTINA THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, TIMING OF CASP IS ON THE MARK. FY 77-FY 78 CASP CAN PROVIDE A NEEDED AND TIMELY ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECT OF NEW GOVERNMENT'S ANTICIPATED POLICIES AND PROGRAMS ON U.S. POLICIES AND INTERESTS. THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER USING THE CASP OR SUMMARY THEREOF AS THE VEHICLE FOR PROVIDING THE ANALYSIS REQUESTED IN REFTEL, SUBMITTING-IT BY CABLE (EXCEPT FOR THE ANNEXED CONFIDENTIAL

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TABLES, WHICH COULD BE POUCHED). THE ARGENTINE CASP WAS

ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR SUBMISSION IN THE WEEK OF APRIL 5. IF THE EMBASSY REQUIRES MORE TIME FOR THOUGHTFUL PREPARATION, PLEASE LET THE DEPARTMENT KNOW WHAT DUE DATE WOULD BE REASONABLE.

3. IG REVIEW OF THE FY 76-FY 77 ARGENTINA CASP HAS ONLY NOW BEEN COMPLETED AND AIRGRAM CONTAINING APPROVED CASP BEING POUCHED SHORTLY. EXTENDED REVIEW PERIOD FOR THIS CASP RESULTED FROM NEGOTIATIONS WITH TREASURY ON CASP LANGUAGE DEALING WITH INVESTMENT DISPUTES, U.S. SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL AND PRIVATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ARGENTINE ECONOMY, AND TREASURY'S RESERVATIONS ON FY 77 FMS CREDIT LEVEL. FURTHERMORE, JCS USED CASP AS VEHICLE TO PURSUE TWO-MONTH INTERNAL DEBATE ABOUT TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF ATTACHE AND MILGROUPS DUE TO TERRORISM. CONCERNS OF BOTH AGENCIES ARE FOOTNOTED IN THE APPROVED CASP. RECENT COUP AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS (SUCH AS DOD WORLD-WIDE STUDY OF MANNING LEVELS) HAVE OUTDATED SOME PORTIONS OF FY 76-FY 77 CASP. KISSINGER

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